

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PROVIDING SMART REPLIES TO A DISPATCH CALL**

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**ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

A method for providing replies to a dispatch call includes the step of selecting if the response is going to be automatic or manual (110). If automatic response is selected, the voice response that is to be automatically transmitted upon receiving a dispatch call is selected (118). The method also allows for a radio user to record new voice responses (116) which can then be placed in either an automatic or manual response mode. A radio which can provide for responses to a dispatch call includes memory (418) for storing the preprogrammed voice messages that will be used as replies to the dispatch call.